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DISTRICT #3

Cottonwood Heights has been incorporated since January 14, 2005. At Incorporation, it encompassed approximately nine square miles and had just about 36,000 residents. In the three and one half intervening years, the elected and appointed officials of your city have been committed to creating the best city in Utah in which to live, work, recreate, and do business. In fact, Forbes Money Magazine has already named Cottonwood Heights as one of the top 100 cities in the U. S. in which to live.

We are now preparing our fourth city budget; and, in doing so, we are reviewing our accomplishments to date in order to set our

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goals and objectives for future years and to continue improving the life style we have come to expect and enjoy.

The following major budget - related accomplishments show how your tax dollars have been spent:

- Developed a general plan and amended zoning ordinances to facilitate that plan -- many district meetings were held for resident input
- Created and appointed a Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, and Architectural Review Commission to oversee and provide input in the city's development
- Developed and adopted plans for construction and maintenance of transportation and storm water facilities
- Completed many capital improvement projects with numerous others in the process of being funded and ready for construction
- Initiated and coordinated efforts to raise more than \$1.2 million in cash and services for assistance in relocating the residents of the

Meadows Mobile Home Park -- this was accomplished primarily through the energetic, tenacious efforts of Mayor Cullimore

- Created a new Ordinance Enforcement Division with three enforcement officers, including animal control -- this has been accomplished with an increased level of service and at a financial savings
- Created a new Geographic Information System (GIS) Department
- Improved over 2.26 million square feet of street pavement, completed many street and sidewalk safety projects, installed traffic calming devices and new discernable street signs, poured over 30 ADA ramps and removed over 5,000 trip hazards -- additional funds have been budgeted this year for continuation of these projects
- Revitalized and improved many street and monument landscape areas -- this is an ongoing process, working our way through the city and continuing our beautification plans

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## CHPD BULLETIN

### Actual Costs Less Than Feasibility Study Projections

There has recently been confusion over the cost of the new Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD), generated by stories in the Salt Lake Tribune and on radio. In an article correctly reporting that the city was \$500,000 under the costs projected in the feasibility study, the Tribune quoted Sheriff Winder as saying that Cottonwood Heights must be using "fuzzy math" and "hiding costs."

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore responded to these unfounded allegations as follows: "I regret the Sheriff feels it necessary to continually attempt to discredit our decision to self-provide. I characterize his comments as groundless political rhetoric and nothing more. Our budget is constructed and maintained under the capable stewardship of our City Treasurer, Mr. Gary Harmer.

Mr. Harmer is a CPA and was Business Administrator for Salt Lake City School District for 29 years. He also served on the Government Accounting Standards Board that promulgates the accounting rules for State and Local Government in the United States. He is a highly respected and eminently capable professional in whom we have great confidence. Because of his budgeting expertise, Cottonwood Heights received an 'Award for Excellence in Municipal Budgeting' from the Government Finance Officers Association in only our third year of operation."

The Mayor suggested that Mr. Harmer's credentials should alleviate any citizen concern over allegations of "fuzzy math" or "hidden costs," especially coming from Sheriff Winder who has few, if any,

credentials in municipal budgeting and finance.

The facts about the CHPD budget, including projections of start-up and on-going costs are as follows:

The feasibility study projected start up costs of \$1,660,000 and first year operations costs of \$4,200,000 for a total of \$5,860,000. In the 2008 - 09 budget on page 25 under Police is a budgeted amount for 2008-09 of \$5,863,124 for police start-up and operations. On page 26, under Proceeds from Capital Leases is an amount of \$769,171 which is financing for leased police vehicles. Subtracting the second number from the first number gives an amount of \$5,093,953 in 2008-09 budgeted costs. Adding to that number the

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Once again this month we recognize residents and others affiliated in some way with Cottonwood Heights for honors they have received through their vocation, avocation, or school. The NEWS JOURNAL is pleased to make our readers aware of personal and professional accomplishments and of noteworthy efforts to help others. This month we recognize the following:

*(Sheriff's Stars are awarded for exceptional performance of duty, accomplishment of highly creditable or unusual law enforcement actions, or success in a major investigation, project, or operation.)*

**Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman** – While a Sergeant with the Sheriff's Department, Paul Brenneman witnessed a tragic auto-pedestrian accident following which he quickly assessed the pedestrian's condition, opened her airway, and rendered appropriate first aid for several minutes until paramedics arrived. Paul received the Sheriff's Star for the professionalism with which he saved the young lady's life.

**Detectives Corbett Ford and Dan Bartlett** – Both of these detectives, assigned to the Cottonwood Heights Precinct for the Sheriff's Office, were involved with a third detective, April Morse, from another precinct, in investigating and ultimately arresting Dr. Stack, "The Candy Man," who was writing prescriptions for hard narcotics for anyone willing to pay the fee. Dr. Stack is believed to be responsible for supplying prescriptions to a number of individuals who ultimately died from abusing drugs. All three Detectives received Sheriff's Stars for their part in this investigation and arrest.

**Deputy Heath Lowry** – Another Cottonwood Heights Precinct Sheriff's Deputy, Heath Lowry, also received a Sheriff's Star for his part in the apprehension of a known gang member with a lengthy criminal history who was suspected of shooting and killing Corrections Officer Stephen

Anderson during an escape from prison. Deputy Lowry participated with other Sheriff's Office personnel in chasing the suspect to an Arby's restaurant. He then placed himself in imminent danger in helping clear the restaurant and capture the suspect without further incident.

**Ralph Barney** – Ralph the Barber, a 45 plus year resident of Cottonwood Heights, was featured in a recent *Close-Up* in the Salt Lake Tribune. Ralph has been cutting hair for well over 45 years, and currently has a shop just north of Cottonwood Heights on Highland Drive (6325 S). Ralph has been the barber for hundreds of men from the Salt Lake Valley, including the likes of former KSL Anchor Dick Nourse and numerous other TV personalities, past and present. His key to success, in addition to his barbering skills, is that he remembers names and tidbits about his customers.

**Dallan Jones** – Cottonwood Heights is home to this nationally rated Chess player and instructor who, at 16 years of age, competes in both regular and speed Chess Tournaments. He is a member of the United States Chess Federation and will often play against more than one opponent at a time.

**South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (SVUUS)** – This religious community recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Cottonwood Heights. Located at 6876 S. Highland Drive, it welcomes friends from around the valley to participate in its religious services. SVUUS focuses on celebrating religious freedom, nurturing curiosity and learning, and working toward a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

**Glen McDonald** – Jamie Schee, a recently arrived former Florida resident, was skateboarding at the Richard Guthrie Skate Park in August, 2007, when he sat down briefly on the wall, then suddenly collapsed and fell over the back of it. Glen McDonald, who was

at the park watching his sons, saw Mr. Schee collapse and immediately began administering CPR which he had learned while in the Army. Mr. McDonald continued CPR until the paramedics arrived and transported Mr. Schee to the hospital where he remained in a coma for 10 days. He had suffered a full cardiac arrest and was subsequently transferred back to Florida for recovery and therapy. Mr.. Schee recently returned to Cottonwood Heights hoping to locate Glen McDonald, the man who had saved his life and whose name he didn't even know at the time. He returned to the skate park, asked around, and eventually was put in touch with Glen McDonald, a Cottonwood Heights resident and hero.

**Scott Klepper** – A Cottonwood Heights resident is involved in providing aid to the people of Burma (Myanmar) following the cyclone that ripped through part of that Southeast Asian country. Mr. Klepper's effort is the result of a recent visit to that country at which time he located the only synagogue in the entire country and became acquainted with the caretaker of that synagogue. He has sent water purification tablets through the caretaker's son, who lives in New York.

**Cheryl Smith** – Cottonwood Heights' resident Cheryl Smith is the mother of 9-year-old Carson who is Autistic. She is helping create enhanced awareness of Autism and its impact on families and school mates. She, along with about 2000 other Utahns who are affected in various ways by Autism, recently organized and participated in the first Walk Now for Autism. Through the effort of many, over \$160,000 was raised to go to the non-profit group, Autism Speaks, where it will be used for research and to raise awareness of Autism. Cheryl also successfully lobbied the Utah Legislature a few years ago to create a scholarship fund for children with disabilities who will do better in a private school setting.

### QWEST IS INSTALLING FIBER-OPTIC BACKBONE

The construction currently disrupting traffic flow on the Boulevards, (Bengal, Fort Union, and Wasatch), 2300 East and Hollow Mill Drive, is for installation of an expanded Fiber-Optic cable system for Qwest. Additional side streets will also be affected in the coming weeks. This installation provides Fiber-Optic cable to the distribution Nodes and significantly upgrades the telecommunication infrastructure in the city. Cottonwood Heights is one of the first cities in the state to receive this upgrade. Qwest informs the city that the entire project should be completed by the end of June and, although it will not provide Fiber-Optic hook-up between the Nodes and the end user, it should improve internet speed and will create a Fiber-Optic backbone for future expansion.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

With summer here (at last), those who are interested in participating in city - sponsored activities should mark the following dates on their calendars:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7** – Movies in the Park – Mountview Elementary (1651 E. Ft. Union Blvd.) – Shrek the Third

**SATURDAY, JULY 18** – Movies in the Park – Mill Hollow Park (2900 E. Hollow Mill Dr.) – Surf's Up

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1** – Movies in the Park – Bywater Park (3300 E. Banbury Rd.) – BEE Movie

This series of three outdoor movies is sponsored by the city in cooperation with the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center and Granite Construction Company. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and there will be a nominal per family or per person fee to play on the inflatable rides. The movies are FREE for all ages. Bring your own food for a family picnic and enjoy the rides until approximately 9 p.m. when the movie will begin. The movies will be shown on a 30 ft.

screen with seating on your own blankets and pillows on the hillside.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 13 & 14** – The American Cancer Society East Bench Relay for Life (see details elsewhere in this issue).

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24** – Primary Election Day – Final Election for New School Board Seats.

**THURSDAY, JULY 24** – Butlerville Days – A Family Historical Bike Ride will begin at 7:00 a.m. Festivities for all begin at 4:00 p.m. with a parade along 2700 East from Fort Union Blvd., to Bengal Blvd, then west to Cottonwood Heights Elementary School. They will continue throughout the afternoon at Butler Park, with rides, contests, food, entertainment and exhibits. The event will climax with a stage performance and fireworks, the latter beginning about 10 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11** – Public Safety Fair and Night Out Against Crime – Watch for further details in future issues.





PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR JUNE

With the onset of Spring, Public Works are busting out all over. One needn't drive very far to encounter street construction of some kind with the water system upgrade on Union Park, and the Qwest cable extension project on Bengal, Wasatch, and Fort Union, to name only four. Other projects are going on in various neighborhoods. The announcement of additional projects to begin in June is a double-edged sword. No one likes road construction, but everyone enjoys the benefits, once it is completed. So—let's be patient and allow the contractors to work while the sun shines, so to speak.

Kevin Smith, Deputy City Manager and Development Director announced the following for June:

- Slurry seal application to all streets east of Wasatch Blvd.
- Installation of new benches and trash receptacles at city transit stops
- Landscape around Cottonwood Heights welcome sign, 1300 East/Union Park
- Construction of cross walk and refuge island on Bengal Blvd at 2400 East
- Repair of sagging sidewalk on Honeywood Cove a 7900 South

Plans are also progressing for the Fort Union re-paving project, between 1300 East and Highland Drive, in which a new procedure will be used to dig up and mix the existing asphalt and road base, followed by a layer of asphalt on the expanded base mixture. There is, apparently, only one machine that can perform this procedure in the state and this project will begin when that piece of machinery is available. That will, hopefully, occur sometime in July and/or August.

Each of these projects will cause some inconvenience. Please be patient and cooperative with construction personnel.



Emergency Preparedness Tip for June

Do yourselves a favor, and take a moment to review some photos of the devastation in China (earthquake), Myanmar (cyclone), and our own Midwestern States (tornados), Southern States (hurricanes), and California (fires). Or—just think back a few winters to the hardships many of us suffered from loss of power in the midst of some rather severe snowstorms. All of these scenes are frightening and should give us a wake-up call. This month's tip is to finally do something about preparing for the possibility of a disaster striking in Salt Lake Valley and, more specifically, in Cottonwood Heights, which sits right on the Wasatch Fault. Most any kind of disaster could shut everything down for at least 72 hours. Those who think they could merely make a call to our wonderfully efficient and well trained emergency personnel are fooling themselves. Emergency workers are first, members of their own families; and they may have priorities and/or other limitations, including the sheer numbers of people needing help, to slow down response time. We are first responsible for ourselves and our families and now is the time to put together that 72 hour kit, and, in fact, to store enough supplies in our homes to meet basic needs for at least 14 days. While putting emergency supplies together, don't forget the possibility of evacuation. It's important to have supplies that can be transported to wherever safety is available.

June City Council Meeting Schedule

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1256 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 3**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, June 10**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, June 17**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting  
7 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Public Hearing on 2008-09 Budget
- **Tuesday, June 24**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

Join Us For

# The East Bench Relay

Friday, June 13th

@ Butler Park  
7500 South 2700 East

Festivities begin @ 7:00 PM

Live Music

Entertainment

Celebrities

Food

Carnival Games

Dunk Tank

Jail House

Silent Auction

Bouncers

Fire Hose Spray

Clown & Balloons

Luminaria Ceremony @ 10:00 PM

Join us for this traditional experience honoring cancer survivors, loved ones, and caretakers.

10:30 pm - Family Movie In The Park

11:00 pm - 6:00 am - Relay continues with all night celebrations

7:00 am - Closing Ceremonies & Awards

8:00 am - Breakfast for relay teams



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## CHPD BULLETIN *from page 1*

approximately \$250,000 being spent this year for start-up costs totals \$5,343,953 for CHPD start-up and operations for the first year. That number is \$510,000 less than the feasibility study estimated and CHPD start-up and first year operations are projected to come in under budget by that amount.

It is possible that mid-year budget adjustments may be required. However, it is doubtful that such budget adjustments will come close to consuming the entire \$500,000 cushion. Cottonwood Heights City Council and staff are conservative in their projections and are confident of their ability to meet the costs estimated in the feasibility study. What is more beneficial to the residents of the

city is that there will be more officers dedicated to working in the city and the cost per officer will be less than it would have been under the contract with the Sheriff.

Further, while operating under budget, CHPD has successfully negotiated for shared SWAT services with Midvale and Crime Lab services with the State Crime Lab - one of the best in the state. It has also negotiated for mutual aid services with surrounding communities. Rather than waiting for Sheriff's Deputies to respond from Holladay, Millcreek, Magna or Kearns, now officers from Sandy, Midvale, and Murray will be available to provide back-up if additional resources are required. The specialty services previously provided by the Sheriff will be replaced with

equivalent or improved services with other agencies and at much shorter response time due to closer proximity.

Hiring of Sergeants, Detectives, Officers, and Civilian employees is also on-going. Over 40 individuals applied for the Sergeant positions available in CHPD. That number has been reduced and five Sergeants have accepted job offers. Nearly 100 have applied to become CHPD Officers, and they are now being screened and interviewed for the 26 that will be hired in mid-August. It is also anticipated that by the time this paper is delivered, the office space remodel will be completed and civilian personnel will have been selected.

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- Acquired part of the property needed for a city center and begun developing a city center plan
- Contracted with Holladay City in a joint venture Justice Court
- Improved communication with citizens by an enhanced website, the NEWS JOURNAL insert in The Valley Journal, periodic mailings, district meetings and communication poles and banners -- we are trying every way we can think of to keep residents informed
- Appointed an Historical Committee -- they are working to establish an accurate history and to identify and preserve landmarks
- Created a Bicycle Advisory Committee to assist with planning for future events and routes
- Created an Emergency Planning Team that is now prepared to provide a command center and vital communication in the event of a disaster
- Issued 1511 building permits

- Planned and will soon begin construction of Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, Old Mill Pond Urban Fishery, and a Wasatch Blvd. Trailhead/Open Space Park; and obtained \$1.2 million in grants to pay for their construction, in addition to commitments for nearly \$4 million additional funds for open space and trails
- Participated in development of Golden Hills Park on Wasatch Blvd.
- Participated in numerous ribbon cuttings officially welcoming new businesses
- In cooperation with Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation District, the city has held and sponsored many community events such as Butlerville Days, Birthday Celebrations, Easter Egg Hunts, The American Cancer Society "Relay for Life," Thanksgiving Day Run, Tennis Tournaments, Public Safety Fairs, Outdoor Movies, Political Candidate Forums, Bark in the Park and, in the future, a mini triathlon
- Participated with Sandy, Midvale, Draper, and Alta in creating a new school district -- what a great opportunity to address the specific educational needs of our students and enjoy community involvement and cooperation within a smaller district

- Created the soon to be operational Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD), effective September 1st, 2008 - - there has been controversy surrounding this decision, and, yes, it will cost a little more than we currently pay; but we will have additional officers and significantly improved service, and the safety and welfare of our residents is our top priority -- we are well within our projected budget and the feasibility study projections -- citizens will be very pleased and secure with this new department
- Held the line on taxes -- other cities around us are increasing taxes -- Cottonwood Heights is not and will not for the foreseeable future

There are many other less visible accomplishments that are making our city better, and many more to come in the future. With the continued support of our residents and the resolve and focus of your elected and appointed officials, the horizon looks even brighter!

### JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY ELECTION IS ALSO A FINAL ELECTION



The Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 is more critical for many residents of Cottonwood Heights than some similar elections in the past. This one is also a Final Election for those running for the District #3 seat on the New School District School Board.

Further, those who want to take care of their voting prior to June 24, for whatever reason, can vote between June 10 and June 20 at Sandy City Hall, 10000 S. Centennial Pkwy, or Sandy Fire Station #35, 8186 S. 1300 E. This early voting program provides opportunity for all of us to have our votes counted, even with this election in the middle of traditional vacation time.

The number of candidates running for the District #3 seat on the New School Board was reduced by one this past month as Renee Bangerter dropped from the race. There are now 15 candidates. The candidates' names and brief bio's can be found at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) or at [www.clerk.slco.org](http://www.clerk.slco.org).